

UTTOXETER  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health  
and of the Senior Public  
Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1963

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# UTTOXETER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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H. W. PUGHE

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Council Offices,  
Holly Dene,  
High Street,  
Uttoxeter.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Uttoxeter Rural District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1963. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/63.

In spite of the increase in the birth rate in your district (it rose from 15.54 in 1962 to 18.69 in 1963) there were fewer stillbirths and infant deaths. Only one stillbirth occurred compared with 5 in the previous year ; there were 5 infant deaths, one less than in 1962.

The total number of deaths, however, rose to 120 (107 in 1962). The causes of deaths in the various age groups are listed in detail in the statistical section of this report, and it will be noted that there were 5 deaths due to carcinoma of lung and bronchus. This is an increase of 4 over the previous year, and is in accordance with a national trend of an increasing number of deaths due to this cause. This unnecessary toll of life is rising every year and is undoubtedly attributable to excessive cigarette smoking in a large proportion of cases. This upward trend is in contrast to the death rate from infective diseases which has decreased markedly in recent years due to improved environmental hygiene and improved methods of treatment such as the use of antibiotics.

There was only one death in your district due to an infective disease (respiratory tuberculosis) during the year under review, despite a greatly increased incidence of notifiable infectious disease. The increased incidence was of course largely accounted for by an epidemic of measles for 1963 was a 'measles year'. There were 327 cases, the largest number notified since 1955 when there were 359. A measles vaccine has now been perfected, however, and is in use in certain selected areas in the country on a trial basis. It is to be hoped that it will soon be generally available, for measles can be serious in the very young child and causes a great deal of loss of school time in older children.

In contrast with 1962 there were no notified cases of dysentery or food poisoning although from time to time outbreaks of gastro-



intestinal upset occurred. Some of these can be ascribed to epidemic vomiting, a virus infection which is characterised by headache, vomiting, and in some cases diarrhoea, of about 24 hours' duration. Other cases are undoubtedly due to unidentified Salmonella infections which are only too prevalent when hygienic practices are below standard in food shops, catering establishments and in the home.

The year under review brought the passing of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, the implications of which are commented upon in your Public Health Inspector's report.

Also detailed in your Public Health Inspector's report is the progress made in housing clearance while the work carried out in the various water, drainage and sewerage schemes is described in the section contributed by your Surveyor.

It remains for me to express my appreciation of the co-operation of my fellow officials, and to thank them for their contributions to this report, and to thank too your Chief Public Health Inspector, his assistant and the clerical staff for their loyal support and assistance during the year. I should also like to place on record my appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Darlow, who retired in June 1963, having acted as Clerk to the Public Health Inspectorate since 1955, and to extend to her the best wishes of the Public Health Department for a happy retirement.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. DURKIN.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	.....	Acres, 55,228
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population (Mid 1963)	.....	11,820
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1963 accord- ing to the Rate Books	.....	3,159
Rateable Value	.....	£370,875
Sum represented by the product of 1d. rate	.....	£1,417
Number of persons per acre	.....	0.21
Number of houses per acre	.....	0.057
Average number of persons per house	.....	3.70

The Uttoxeter Rural District forms the shape of the letter 'C' with the Urban District of Uttoxeter nestling in the centre of its inner border, and Derbyshire lying adjacent to the north and south. On its outer border it is bounded by the rural districts of Leek, Cheadle, Stafford and Lichfield.

The district, comprising seventeen parishes, forms a slice of the most fertile part of Staffordshire, and is aptly described by the phrase 'a green and pleasant land'.

The administrative offices are situated in the township of Uttoxeter, which is also the shopping and marketing centre for the rural district.

The main concern of the district is farming, but alternative employment is offered at Mayfield by a silk mill, and at Rocester by a cotton mill and an excavator vehicle factory. The latter is a growing concern which promises to attract more residents to the district.

# EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

<i>Live births (Factor 1.21)</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	117	96	213
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	3	5	8
				—	—	—
				120	101	221
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population						18.69
Adjusted birth rate				.....	.....	22.61
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births						3.62
<i>Stillbirths</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	1	—	1
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—
				—	—	—
				1	—	1
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still births						4.51
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 estimated population						0.84
Total Live and Still Births				.....	.....	222
<i>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	2	2	4
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—
				—	—	—
				2	2	4
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births						18.09
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births						18.77
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births						0.0
<i>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	2	2	4
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—
				—	—	—
				2	2	4
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)				.....	.....	18.09
<i>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3
Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—
				—	—	—
				1	2	3
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)				.....	.....	13.57
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)				.....	.....	18.02
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)				.....	.....	1
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births				.....	.....	4.51
<i>Deaths (Factor 1.31)</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
				66	54	120
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population						10.15
Adjusted death rate				.....	.....	13.30



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN 1963—RURAL DISTRICT OF UTOXETER

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks. and under 1 yr.	Age in Years								65—	75 and over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—		
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes ...	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coronary Disease, Angina ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	1	1
Other Heart Diseases ...	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	6
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	4	3
Influenza ...	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	3	8
Pneumonia ...	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1
Bronchitis ...	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS—All Causes ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	66	2	—	1	1	3	—	—	2	13	19	24	23

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1956 to 1963

Year	Rates per 1,000 estimated Population			Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate
1963 .....	18.69	0.08	10.15	18.09
1962 .....	15.54	0.43	9.14	27.47
1961 .....	12.6	0.25	9.30	0.0
1960 .....	14.7	0.17	8.2	29.8
1959 .....	15.1	0.17	10.6	34.5
1958 .....	16.4	0.79	9.3	32.2
1957 .....	11.4	0.70	9.16	61.5
1956 .....	15.0	0.26	9.2	17.1

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1963 and 1962 WITH THOSE FOR ENGLAND and WALES FOR THE SAME YEARS

	Year	Rates per 1,000 Estimated Population			Rate per 1000 Live Births
		Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate
Uttoxeter Rural District	1963	22.61	0.08	13.30	18.09
	1962	(Adjusted) 17.40	0.43	(Adjusted) 10.14	27.47
England and Wales	1963	18.2	0.32	12.2	20.9
	1962	18.0	0.33	11.9	21.4

## CANCER DEATHS

Noted below are the total annual deaths from cancer according to sex with regard to your District during 1963 and the 5 previous years. The percentage which these Cancer deaths form of the total deaths is also shown.

Year	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
1963 .....	9	9	18	15.0
1962 .....	9	6	15	14.0
1961 .....	8	6	14	12.9
1960 .....	10	6	16	17.0
1959 .....	12	10	22	17.8
1958 .....	11	7	18	16.9

### *Summary of Site of Cancer :*

Lung and Bronchus	.....	5
Stomach	.....	2
Other sites	.....	11

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE**

### **Laboratory Facilities**

This district is served by the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford, which is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health. Samples and specimens submitted by the general practitioners and Public Health Department are examined and reported on. An advisory service is also available in the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease such as food poisoning, and on these occasions the helpful advice of the Director is much appreciated.

### **Ambulance Service**

A 24 hour Ambulance Station is maintained in Uttoxeter by the Staffordshire County Council ; this has been under radio control since 1956. The Station is manned by a personnel of 21 men.

### **Nursing Services**

During 1963 the Rural District of Uttoxeter was served by 6 nurses, 4 of whom acted as a District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor for the parishes they serve, viz. :

- (i) Okeover, Stanton, Mayfield, Wootton, Ramshorn and Ellastone.
- (ii) Leigh, Kingstone (Gratwich) and Croxden.
- (iii) Uttoxeter Rural and Kingstone (except Gratwich).
- (iv) Marchington and Draycott-in-the-Clay.

The Parishes of Rocester, Denstone, Abbots Bromley and Blithfield were covered for Health Visiting by District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitors serving adjacent parishes.

### **Clinics**

During 1963 the Staffordshire County Council provided at Heath House, Uttoxeter, a School Clinic, an Infant Welfare Centre, an Ante-Natal Clinic and ancillary services in connection with the School Health Service.

**Chiropody Service**

This service was made available to Old Age Pensioners, Handicapped Persons and Expectant Mothers by the Staffordshire County Council. The Clinic was held at Heath House, but in certain circumstances the chiropodist attended persons in their own homes.

**Domestic Help Service**

The service is provided by the local health authority under permissive powers deriving from Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1948. In your district 18 part-time Helps have been employed during the year and 36 cases have been assessed.

**Hospitals**

There are no hospitals in the Uttoxeter Rural District, and as in previous years the arrangements in this connection are as follows :

- |     |   |       |                                       |
|-----|---|-------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) | Bucknall Isolation Hospital   | ..... | Infectious Diseases                   |
| (b) | Derby City Hospital and Derby<br>Royal Infirmary<br>Stoke-on-Trent City General<br>Hospital<br>Stafford General Infirmary<br>Burton General Infirmary | }     | General medical and<br>surgical cases |
| (c) | Burton General Infirmary and<br>Andressey Hospital, Burton<br>Ashbourne Maternity Home<br>Burton House, Stafford                                      | }     | Maternity Cases<br>(majority of )     |

**Tuberculosis**

Most patients attend the Stafford Chest Clinic by appointment, but all are visited in their own homes by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

**MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF COUNCIL  
EMPLOYEES**

Examinations in connection with the admission to the Council's Sick Pay Scheme were carried out on 2 occasions during 1963.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During 1963 the number of corrected notifications received with respect to the various infectious diseases other than Tuberculosis was as follows :

<i>Infectious Diseases</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Admitted to Hospital</i>
Measles .....	327	—
Scarlet Fever .....	14	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	—
Acute Pneumonia .....	1	—
Food Poisoning .....	—	—
Dysentery .....	—	—
Diphtheria .....	—	—
Erysipelas .....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) .....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic) .....	—	—
Paratyphoid .....	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .....	—	—
	343	—

### Infectious Diseases—Incidence in 1963 compared with the previous four years

<i>Disease</i>	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Measles .....	327	6	86	7	209
Scarlet Fever .....	14	2	3	15	5
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	4	18	3
Acute Pneumonia .....	1	2	10	—	1
Food Poisoning .....	—	1	—	—	—
Dysentery .....	—	54	—	4	1
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas .....	—	1	1	2	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid .....	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	1	—	—	—	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—
	343	66	104	46	220

# ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP.

## AGE PERIOD IN YEAR 1963 — CORRECTED

	Under 1 year		1—2 years		3—4 years		5—9 years		10—14 years		15—24 years		25 years and over		Age Un-known		Totals		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Measles .....	3	-	22	16	37	26	102	84	25	10	-	1	1	-	-	-	190	137	327
Scarlet Fever .....	-	-	1	-	5	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	14
Whooping Cough .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Erysipelas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Paralytic) (Non-Paralytic) .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abortus Fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table giving names of Parishes along with the incidence of infectious disease in each Parish in 1963

Name of Parish	INFECTIOUS DISEASE												
	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Acute Pneu- monia	Food Poison- ing	Erysi- pelas	Acute Poliomye- litis (Paralytic)	Acute Poliomye- litis (Non- Paralytic)	Dysentery	Ophthalmia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Diphtheria
Abbots Bromley	60	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Blithfield	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Croxden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Denstone	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Draycott-in-the-Clay	52	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ellastone	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingstone	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leigh	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marchington	55	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mayfield	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newborough	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Okeover	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ramshorn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rocester	39	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanton	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uttoxeter Rural	27	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wootton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	327	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

Infectious Diseases 1963—Months of Occurrence.

Month	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whoop- ing Cough	Acute Pneu- monia	Food Pois- oning	Erysipelas	Acute Polio- myelitis		Dysen- tery	Para- typhoid	Ophthalmia	P. Pyrexia	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Diphtheria
							Paralytic	Non- Paralytic						
Jan. ....	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb. ....	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. ....	40	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr. ....	38	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
May ....	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
June ....	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
July ....	110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aug. ....	14	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sept. ....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct. ....	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov. ....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	327	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

For your information I give details regarding infectious diseases in the Rural Districts of Staffordshire (1)—1963. — Corrected Cases.

	Scarlet Fever	Diph- theria	Ty- phoid Fever and Paraty- phoid	Acute Primary Pneu- monia	Dysen- tery	Acute Poliomyelitis		Food Pois- oning	Tuberculosis		
						Para- lytic	Non- Para- lytic		Lung	C.N.S.	Other
1st Quarter	26	—	—	36	3	—	—	—	11	—	—
2nd Quarter	15	—	—	20	5	—	—	3	9	—	2
3rd Quarter	14	—	—	13	18	1	—	3	9	—	3
4th Quarter	12	—	—	13	9	—	—	40	12	—	1
TOTALS FOR 1963	67	—	—	82	35	1	—	46	41	—	6
TOTALS FOR 1962	45	—	—	63	160	—	—	28	35	—	8



## TUBERCULOSIS

One notification of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis was received during the year and one death occurred from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The table below shows new cases and deaths due to Tuberculosis, classified as Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary, in the Uttoxeter Rural District for the past five years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Popula- tion</i>	<i>New Cases</i>		<i>Deaths</i>		<i>Death Rates per 1,000 Population</i>
		<i>Pul.</i>	<i>Non-Pul.</i>	<i>Pul.</i>	<i>Non-Pul.</i>	
1963	11,820	—	1	1	—	0.086
1962	11,710	—	—	—	—	—
1961	11,610	3	—	—	1	0.086
1960	11,470	—	—	—	—	—
1959	11,570	2	—	—	—	—

## PROPHYLAXIS AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As you are aware the Staffordshire County Council is the responsible authority throughout the county with regard to immunisation and vaccination.

In this section of the annual report, however, it is customary to include for your information the numbers in your district in the various age groups who, according to the records in the Area Health Office, were protected against infectious diseases during the year under review.

The present position with regard to prophylactics is somewhat complicated. The schedule of protective injections approved by the Ministry of Health and offered by the Staffordshire County Council is as follows :—

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Interval between Doses</i>
3rd month .....	1st Triple	4 to 6 weeks
4th month .....	2nd Triple	
5th month .....	3rd Triple	
	} Diphtheria/ Whooping Cough/ Tetanus	
6th month .....	1st oral polio	4 to 6 weeks
7th month .....	2nd oral polio	
8th month .....	3rd oral polio	
	}	
During 2nd year .....	Smallpox	See note below*
18 months to 2 yrs. ....	Triple Booster	
School Entry .....	Diph/Tet. Booster	
	Smallpox	
	(Re-vaccination only)	
End of Jun. School .....	Diph/Tet Booster (Half-dose)	
Secondary School .....	B.C.G.	
*The minimum interval between the Diph/Tet Booster and the Smallpox re-vaccination is two weeks ; if the re-vaccination is done first, the minimum interval is three weeks.		

It will be appreciated that for the time being it is necessary to collate the numbers of children receiving protection in various forms in order to compare the response to diphtheria immunisation during the year under review with that in previous years. As it becomes standard procedure to give children protection in the form of combined antigens the administration of the immunisation programme and the assessment of the response will be simplified.

#### DIPHTHERIA

	<i>Under 1 yr.</i>	<i>1—4 years</i>	<i>5—14 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Primary Doses	—	1	22	23
Booster Doses	—	2	230	232

## TETANUS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Doses</i>	<i>Reinforcing Doses</i>
1963	113	39

## TRIPLE ANTIGEN

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Doses</i>	<i>Reinforcing Doses</i>
1963	130	6

The aggregate figures for diphtheria immunisation in the various forms compared with the figures for the previous four years are given in the following table. It will be noted that the response is considerably improved in 1963 compared with 1962 when there was an unprecedented demand for smallpox vaccination which claimed precedence over other immunological procedures.

### Diphtheria Immunisation since 1959

Year	Number of Children Protected		Total	Number of children receiving reinforcing doses
	Under 1 yr.	1—14 years		
1963	20	133	153	238
1962	22	8	30	43
1961	108	29	137	239
1960	100	28	128	173
1959	133	36	169	107

## WHOOPING COUGH

All children receiving protection against whooping cough in 1963 received it in the form of the triple antigen referred to above.

## SMALLPOX

The number of vaccinations according to the records received in the Public Health Department, carried out in the Uttoxeter Rural District in 1963 are as follows :—

	<i>Under 15 years</i>	<i>Over 15 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Primary Vaccinations	111	7	118
Re-vaccinations	—	32	32

The following table shows the vaccinations carried out in your district since 1959.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
1963	118	32
1962	725	602
1961	41	22
1960	26	24
1959	35	18

It will be noted that in 1963 the demand for smallpox vaccination was small compared with 1962 when an epidemic of the disease occurred.

## POLIOMYELITIS

In October, 1961, the Minister of Health announced that following extensive trials Sabin (oral) vaccine had been approved as safe and effective for use in protecting against poliomyelitis. Supplies were made available during 1962.

Accordingly the following tables give figures for protection against poliomyelitis by injection and also orally. The oral or 'sugar lump' method was given as a primary course of three doses in a high proportion of cases, and also as a fourth dose in the 5-11 year old age group as recommended by the Ministry of Health.



## Injections

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Doses</i>	<i>Reinforcing Doses</i>
1963	52	99
1962	163	633
1961	424	873
1960	486	1,471
1959	878	341

## Oral

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Doses</i>	<i>Reinforcing Doses</i>
1963	134	202

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### WATER SUPPLY

#### *(a) Field, Bramshall, Gratwich and Scounslow Green*

Work on the original extension of this scheme was completed towards the end of the year but a short extension has been authorised and this is now proceeding. During the year 40 connections were made to the scheme.

#### *(b) Hollington Lane, Stramshall, Croxden Village and Nabb Lane Area*

Negotiations have been proceeding with regard to the provision of a badly needed supply of water in this area. The Council have now decided to proceed with a scheme requiring a bulk supply from the Great Gate Pumping Station of the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board, and the laying of approximately 7 miles of water main together with the erection of a 50,000 galls. service reservoir.

#### *(c) Water Supply Generally*

The severe weather conditions during the first three months of the year caused hardship to a number of farmers and householders alike due to the frozen services.

The Council provided standpipes and carted water daily to a number of properties during this period, which was very much appreciated.

It was of particular interest that only two small lengths of main became frozen during this period.

A chart showing the number of properties, estimated population and number of properties connected with a water supply is given below.

Parish	Total No. of Houses (1961 Census fig. amended)	Population at Dec.1962 (Census fig. amended)	No. of Houses with piped water supply		No Piped Supply	Estimated Population with Piped Supply
			Public Mains	Private		
Abbots Bromley	352	1105	316	10	26	1024
Blithfield .....	72	270	71	—	1	266
Croxden .....	76	271	28	9	39	131
Denstone .....	178	672	147	16	15	615
Draycott .....	194	984	159	23	12	924
Ellastone .....	94	234	83	—	11	198
Kingstone .....	105	385	86	—	19	296
Leigh .....	255	878	237	2	16	864
Marchington .....	302	1019	278	12	12	985
Mayfield .....	467	1422	465	1	1	1426
Newborough .....	140	459	111	4	25	376
Okeover .....	13	52	—	6	7	24
Ramshorn .....	18	65	—	7	11	25
Rocester .....	493	1585	460	16	17	1531
Stanton .....	62	202	59	—	3	192
Uttoxeter Rural	369	1323	290	15	64	1095
Wootton .....	36	117	30	5	1	114
Totals : .....	3226	11043	2820	126	280	10086

### Note :

Population figures do not include the Public Schools.

Percentage of houses with a piped water supply ..... 91.7%

Percentage of houses with a public mains supply ..... 87.7%

Percentage of houses with no piped supply ..... 8.3%

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

### (a) Denstone

During the summer work commenced on the Denstone Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme which involves extending the sewer from Rocester and an extension to the Rocester disposal works to provide additional treatment capacity.

(b) *Mayfield*

Work on the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme has been completed during the year and is operating satisfactorily.

(c) *Sewerage Generally*

Negotiations and design considerations have proceeded actively during the year on the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for Bramshall, Marchington and Draycott-in-the-Clay.

## HOUSING

Details of progress regarding the clearance of unfit houses is included in the Public Health Inspector's report.

The following is an account of the position with regard to housing applications and lettings in the Uttoxeter Rural District during 1963.

*Number of Applicants on Waiting List at beginning of 1963.*

Abbots Bromley	.....	9	Leigh	.....	7
Blithfield	.....	2	Marchington	.....	15
Denstone	.....	5	Mayfield	.....	41
Draycott	.....	8	Newborough	.....	7
Kingstone	.....	1	Rocester	.....	34
			Uttoxeter Rural	.....	14
Total		.....	143		

During the year the one remaining new house at Stramshall was let for the first time, and one occupied cottage property in Abbots Bromley was purchased and the two cottages attached to the Manor Farm at Abbots Bromley were disposed of together with the sale of this farm.

Two houses at Denstone were sold to existing tenants as also was one at Dapple Heath, and one at Rocester. In addition the Council sold with vacant possession one house at Rocester, one at Seedcroft and one at Abbots Bromley.

During the year, casual vacancies throughout the Rural District occurred as follows :

Abbots Bromley	.....	2
Draycott	.....	2
Denstone	.....	1
Croxden	.....	1
Mayfield	.....	7
Newborough	.....	1
Rocester	.....	8

Tenancies were transferred in 10 instances and one exchange of housing accommodation was completed.



The part-time Warden at Mayfield gave up her duties and the tenancy of the maisonette relative to the appointment and this was occupied by the newly appointed Warden.

During the year many new housing applications were received and the number of applicants at the end of 1963 is shown below.

Abbots Bromley	.....	16	Leigh	.....	.....	9
Blithfield	.....	.....	2	Marchington	.....	18
Denstone	.....	.....	4	Mayfield	.....	58
Draycott	.....	.....	13	Newborough	.....	9
Kingstone	.....	4	Rocester	.....	.....	52
			Uttoxeter Rural	.....	24	
Total for all districts			.....	209		

The Rent Rebate Scheme continued to operate and with a few exceptions due to temporary and unusual circumstances, the number of rebates granted varied very little throughout the year.

**Housing Development in Uttoxeter Rural District during 1963**

During the year there was no housing development undertaken by the Council.

12 private houses were completed during the year.

**Improvement Grants**

*Discretionary Grants :*

Applications received	.....	.....	.....	38
„ approved in principle	.....	.....	.....	36
„ finally approved	.....	.....	.....	21
„ refused	.....	.....	.....	2

*Standard Grants :*

Applications received	.....	.....	.....	35
„ approved	.....	.....	.....	35
„ refused	.....	.....	.....	—



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Holly Dene,  
High Street,  
Uttoxeter .

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Uttoxeter Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

Once again I have pleasure in presenting my report on the work of the Public Health Inspectorate for the year 1963.

It is satisfying to record that 56 unfit dwelling houses were demolished during the year, 42 of these being in the Rocester Clearance Area.

In addition I am pleased to report that 23 houses previously represented as unfit were repaired and improved, and the undertakings cancelled by the Council.

The Marchington Clearance Order 1963 was the subject of a Local Hearing, and on the 1st January, 1964, confirmation was received without modification from the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

No Compulsory Purchase Order was made in respect of this site, and the demolition of the 4 cottages and the re-development is left to private individuals.

The site is situated in the centre of the village, and it is important that there should be prompt re-development after demolition of the 4 properties.

At the end of 1963 I reported upon the implications of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, which comes into force on the 1st August, 1964.

The purpose of the Act is to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons employed in offices, shops and certain railway premises.

Due to the additional work which this legislation would involve, it was recommended that an additional Public Health Inspector should be appointed.

Mrs. S. M. Darlow, clerk in this office since 1955, reached retiring age in June, and now resides in Llandudno. I would express my thanks to this lady for her conscientious and efficient work and wish her many happy years of retirement.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. WARD.

The arrangement made between the Uttoxeter Rural and Urban District Councils means that your Health Inspectors continue to carry out inspectorial duties for the two areas.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Inspections—Summary of Visits

Inspection of houses for all purposes .....	94
Re-inspection of houses regarding repairs .....	49
Visits to houses (Slum Clearance) .....	175
Visits re Caravans.....	49
Verminous and Dirty Premises .....	12
Sanitary Accommodation and Drainage work .....	67
Meat Inspection .....	326
Food Premises .....	121
Catering Establishments .....	20
Licensed Premises .....	43
Slaughterhouses and Slaughterman's Licences .....	61
Knacker Yards .....	30
Infectious Diseases .....	23
Visits re water supply .....	30
Ditches and Water Courses .....	82
Public Cleansing Service (including Tips supervision)	318
Accumulation of Refuse .....	35
Nightsoil Collection Service .....	88
Rodent Control .....	46
Keeping of Animals .....	6
Factories (including Bakehouses) .....	30
Smoke Abatement .....	25
Other Nuisances .....	29
Miscellaneous Visits .....	47
Theatres Act, 1843 .....	16
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,822</b>

## Notices Served

<i>Notices served during Year</i>	<i>No. Served</i>	<i>No. Complied with (Served 1963 and previously)</i>
Informal notices and letters as to general matters .....	16	15
Verbal notices as to general matters .....	27	27
Informal notices to provide dustbins .....	15	15
<i>Statutory Notices :</i>		
(a) Housing Act, 1957 .....	Nil	Nil
(b) Public Health Act, 1936 .....	1	1

## Complaints received and dealt with during the year

Total number received .....	84
General Disrepair of Dwellings .....	2
Others .....	82
(including rodent and insect infestation)	

## WATER SUPPLY SAMPLING

### Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination

Source	Number taken	RESULTS		
		Satisfactory	Doubtful	Unsatisfactory
Wells .....	9	2	2	5
Springs .....	8	3	3	2
Mains Supply .....	4	4	—	—
TOTAL .....	21	9	5	7

Two samples of mains drinking water were submitted for chemical analysis—both samples were chemically of satisfactory quality.



## Report on Sample taken for Chemical Analysis

Sample of mains drinking water taken from The Square, Ellastone, 17th September, 1963.

Uttoxeter R.D.C. Mains supply, Mayfield Borehole.

pH	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.4
						<i>Parts per million</i>
Total Solid Matter Dried at 212°F.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Albuminoid	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.5
Chlorine present as Chloride	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.08
Appearance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clear and colourless
Metallic Contamination	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Total Hardness	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268.0 as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Carbonate Hardness	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233.0 „ „

This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly refuse collection service has been maintained during the year, and approximately 3,250 premises have been served, the number of refuse bins emptied being 3,450. A regular collection is also made from bins at County Council road lay-bys and also litter baskets in the district.

The Shelvoke and Drewry side loading vehicle which has been in regular use since 1951 was replaced in October 1963 by a S.D. 16/18 cu. yd. fore and aft tipping vehicle.

The vehicles used are now 2 modern 16/18 cu. yd. tipping vehicles, and as an auxiliary vehicle a Bedford 4 ton truck. The personnel consists of 2 Driver/Loaders and 4 Loaders.

There is a general increase in the bulk of refuse collected, bearing in mind the increased number of houses built, and the changing nature of the refuse itself due to the practice of pre-wrapping many products formerly sold loose.

Information supplied by this department to the Working Party on refuse collection contained the following interesting facts in regard to this rural district for the financial year 1962/1963.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

Total cost for year	.....	.....	£5,128
Cost per ton	.....	.....	23/-
Cost per 1,000 premises	.....	.....	£1,465
Cost per 1,000 population	.....	.....	£438
Refuse collected	.....	.....	4,500 tons (approx.)

A total of 16,761 miles was covered by the vehicles during the year in respect of refuse collection, disposal, and tip maintenance.



## **NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION SERVICE**

Although the number of pails has been reduced to approximately 800 the mileage for the vehicle engaged on this work has remained fairly constant and for 1963 was 12,028 miles.

By working overtime a regular 7 day collection service has been afforded with only slight variation at holiday times.

Although new sewerage schemes or extensions of existing schemes have in recent years been undertaken in Abbots Bromley, Rocester and Mayfield, the nightsoil collection service is still very necessary for the unsewered parishes and outlying districts.

Collection is also made from 8 schools (46 pails) in the district, and pending the provision of a sewerage scheme for the parish of Marchington, arrangements have been made to include the pails from the new school when completed.

In addition the vehicle is used for the emptying of pails and tanks at Uttoxeter Racecourse, and also 26 properties in the Uttoxeter Urban area.

The cost of this work is re-chargeable upon the Urban District Council.

## **CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960**

During 1963 three applications were received and two site licences were issued.

## **RENT ACT, 1957**

No applications were received during 1963 for certificates of disrepair.

## **HOUSING**

### **(a) Clearance Area—The Square, Marchington**

On the 26th November, 1963, a Local Hearing was held in respect of four terraced cottages situated in The Square, Marchington, and the subject of an order made by the Council on the 19th December, 1962.

Evidence was submitted to the Inspector appointed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government with the result that the order was later confirmed by the Minister.

### **(b) Undertakings**

The Council accepted undertakings in respect of 10 houses represented as unfit for human habitation.

They were :—

7 Almshouses, Abbots Bromley.

House, New Row, Draycott-in-the-Clay.

2 houses, Yoxall Lane, Newborough.

The Almshouses, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, also known as the Abbots Bromley Hospital, are 250 years old and are of historical and architectural interest. Plans were submitted for the improvement of the building to provide a modern standard of accommodation with little detrimental effect to the external appearance.

**(c) Demolition Orders**

Following representations that the houses were unfit for human habitation demolition orders were made on :—

Dovefields Crossing Cottage, Marchington.  
Dolesfoot Cottage, Newborough.

**(d) Houses Demolished**

A total of 65 houses were demolished during the year, of these 56 had been dealt with as being unfit for human habitation, the remaining 9 had been acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957, in connection with the Rocester Clearance Area.

Details of the demolition are as follows :—

2 Cottages, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley.  
3 Cottages, Bell View, Abbots Bromley.  
1, 2, 3, 4, High Street, Abbots Bromley.  
Quixhill Cottage, Denstone.  
Tollgate Cottage, Draycott-in-the-Clay.  
Rose Cottage, Brown Bank, Ellastone.  
2 Brook Cottages, Newborough.

**Rocester Clearance Area—42 Unfit Houses**

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 28, 30, 32, 34, Ashbourne Road.  
69, 71, 77, 79, 81, Mill Street.  
Forge House, Mill Street.  
98, 100, 102, 108, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, Mill Street.  
87, 89, Mill Street.  
127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, Bridden's Row.

**9 Acquired Houses**

24, 26, Ashbourne Road.  
92, 94, 96, 104, 106, 110, 112, Mill Street.

In addition the delicensed Public House known as the Cross Keys was demolished.

(e) **Unfit Houses made Fit**

23 houses previously the subject of representations were made fit and the undertakings cancelled by the Council.

Details of these are as follows :—

4 Cottages, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley.

3 Cottages, Market Place, Abbots Bromley.

Quixhill Lodge Cottage, Denstone.

2 Townsend Cottages, Upper Mayfield.

1—7, Velvet Row, Mayfield.

1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Wall Ash, Mayfield.

Rose Cottage, Newton.

(f) **Re-Housing**

A total of 10 persons comprising 5 families was rehoused from houses unfit for human habitation.

(g) **Housing Progress, 1955-1963.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Houses Demolished</i>			<i>Unfit Houses Closed</i>			
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Individual Unfit</i>	<i>In Clearance Areas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Now Vacant</i>	<i>Still Occupied</i>	<i>Made Fit</i>
1955 .....	5	5	—	2	1	—	1
1956 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 .....	1	1	—	1	—	—	1
1958 .....	—	—	—	2	1	—	1
1959 .....	6	6	—	2	2	—	—
1960 .....	—	—	—	12	3	—	9
1961 .....	6	6	—	34	18	7	9
1962 .....	10	10	—	21	10	9	2
1963 .....	62	13	51	14	7	7	—
TOTALS .....	90	41	51	88	42	23	23

**Note**—In addition 7 undertakings given prior to 1955 were cancelled in 1963 after the houses had been made fit.  
(1—7 Velvet Row, Mayfield)



# **PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949**

A rodent operative is employed for duties in both the Rural and Urban areas and works under the supervision of your Public Health Inspectors.

Throughout the district a free service of rodent disinfection is afforded for residential property, while the cost of the work at business premises is rechargeable.

In 25 cases contracts have been entered into for disinfection work—5 business premises and 20 farms.

## **Number of Infestations found and dealt with during 1963**

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Business Premises</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
Total number of properties inspected .....	24	1,333	96	209
Number of properties found to be infested by :				
<b>Common Rat</b> (Minor Infestations) .....	21	182	26	113
<b>House Mouse</b> (Minor Infestations) .....	—	24	24	49
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections .....	309	1,784	213	692
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	21	206	50	162
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments .....	60	232	67	195

## **SEWER TREATMENT**

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the testing of sewers was carried out to ascertain any evidence of rat infestation.

The following table shows the results obtained.  
May, 1963.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Manholes treated</i>	<i>Complete take of test bait</i>	<i>Partial take</i>	<i>No take</i>
Abbots Bromley	16	—	—	16
Denstone .....	3	—	—	3
Ellastone .....	2	—	—	2
Mayfield ....	9	—	—	9
Rocester ...	12	—	—	12
Uttoxeter Rural	—	—	—	—
Stramshall .....	2	—	—	2
TOTAL .....	44	—	—	44

## **FACTORIES ACTS, 1937/1961**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections
(1) No-power .....	3	3
(2) With-power .....	40	27
TOTAL .....	43	30

## **THEATRES ACT, 1843**

The following licences were granted for the year 1963/64.

Abbots Bromley and District Institute, Abbots Bromley.  
New School Hall, School of S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley.

Denstone College, Denstone.

Village Hall, Ellastone.

Mayfield Memorial Hall, Mayfield.

Stramshall Village Institute, Stramshall.

Springfield Secondary School, Rocester.

Marchington Village Hall, Marchington.

Inspections were carried out prior to re-licensing, and also during performances of Stage Plays. In all cases conditions were satisfactory and there were no contraventions of the conditions attaching to the licence.

## **SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER YARD**

The two slaughterhouses and knacker yard in the district have generally been well kept throughout the year.

## **SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958**

The above legislation requires the licensing of persons to slaughter and stun animals in slaughterhouses and knacker yards, and 17 licences were granted during the year.

## FOOD INSPECTION

### Particulars of Food Inspection during 1963

(a) Meat : Carcasses inspected and condemnations made.

	Cows and Bulls	Heifers and Bullocks	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and notified	1	345	—	2,268	389
Number inspected .....	1	345	—	2,268	389
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	2	—
Part or organ „	—	35	—	10	11
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticercosis	—	10.1%	—	0.5%	2.8%
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Part or organ „	—	—	—	—	2
Percentage affected .....	—	—	—	—	0.5%
<b>Cysticercosis only</b>					
Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Part or organ condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage affected	—	—	—	—	—

Weight of meat condemned for Tuberculosis = 18 lbs.

Weight of meat condemned for other diseases = 693 lbs.

Total weight of meat condemned ..... 711 lbs.

#### (b) Other Food condemned

Flour ..... 120 lbs.

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Total weight of all food condemned .....	7	1	19



## FOOD HYGIENE

The majority of shops in the rural area are of the small family type business and generally they are well maintained.

40 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and 6 for the preparation and manufacture of preserved food.

Several mobile shops also operate in the area, some are based in neighbouring districts, others in this district. The standard of these mobile food shops varies greatly. Many of the operators try to carry all kinds of food on the vehicle, which in many cases are old single decker buses and totally unsuitable for the use to which they are put.

A complaint regarding the sale of a mouldy pork pie sold from a mobile food shop was reported to the Health Committee. Investigations made revealed the following interesting facts :—

- (a) The pie was made by a nationally known manufacturer of pork products with an efficient distribution system. Despite this the accumulation of small delays by manufacturer, distributor, retailer and purchaser resulted in the pie being at least 5 days old before being cut open for consumption.
- (b) The pie was stored under unfavourable conditions by the retailer both at his permanent premises and on the mobile shop.
- (c) The manufacturers used a coding system based on marks on the pastry crimp. This was obviously not foolproof and it was suggested to the manufacturers that in addition wrapper coding should be used.

After consideration of the matter it was recommended that a warning letter be sent from the Council to the retailer.

## RESULTS OF MILK SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1963 BY THE COUNTY MILK SAMPLING OFFICERS

Samples of milk are tested for cleanliness, efficient pasteurisation and sterilisation, and the presence of tuberculous organisms.

<i>Test</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Failed</i>	<i>Void</i>
Methylene Blue .....	230	224	6	—
Phosphatase Test .....	178	178	—	—
Turbidity Test .....	54	54	—	—
Biological Test .....	19	19	—	—



## FOOD SAMPLING

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following information relating to sampling carried out by the County Council's Officers during 1963.

<i>Article</i>	<i>No. of Samples Submitted</i>	<i>Genuine</i>	<i>Adulterated or Mislabelled</i>
Tuberculin Tested .....	14	14	—
T.T. (pasteurised) .....	26	25	1
Pasteurised .....	8	8	—
Sterilised .....	10	10	—
<b>Total Milk Samples</b> .....	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>
Granulated Gravy Improver	1	1	—
Minced Beef Loaf .....	1	1	—
Smoked Turkey Pate .....	1	1	—
Apple Sauce Sweetened .....	1	1	—
Evaporated Fruit Salad .....	1	1	—
Creamed Rice Milk Pudding	2	2	—
Blackcurrant Juice Cordial .....	1	1	—
Pork Luncheon Meat .....	1	1	—
Sweetened Orange Juice .....	1	1	—
Pineapple Juice .....	1	1	—
Potato Chips .....	1	1	—
Cleaned Currants .....	1	1	—
Malt Vinegar .....	1	1	—
English Butter .....	1	1	—
Butter Sultana .....	1	1	—
Red Salmon .....	1	—	1
Mint in Vinegar .....	1	1	—
Sultana Cake .....	1	1	—
Processed Peas .....	1	1	—
Red Cherries .....	1	1	—
Pork Sausage .....	1	1	—
Pressed Beef .....	1	1	—
Brawn .....	1	1	—
Ground Almonds .....	1	1	—
Instant Coffee .....	1	1	—
Candied Peel .....	1	1	—
Orange Curd .....	1	1	—
Tomato Sticks .....	1	1	—
Ice Lolly Syrup .....	1	1	—
Tartare Sauce .....	1	1	—
Breakfast Oats .....	1	1	—
Puff Pastry .....	1	1	—
Fish Cakes .....	1	1	—
<b>Total No. of Samples</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>

## Particulars of Adulterated and Mislabeled Samples.

- i. T.T. Milk     One sample was 13% deficient in fat.
- ii. Red Salmon     Lean Fish—73.4%. Fish Oil 5.1% = 78.5%.  
Salt 2.0%. Added Water 19.5%.  
Old stock. Withdrawn from sale.  
Sample contained an excess of water as it  
should not contain more than 10.0% of  
water.



